

Mind Opener

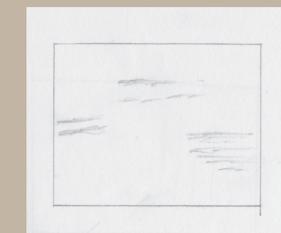
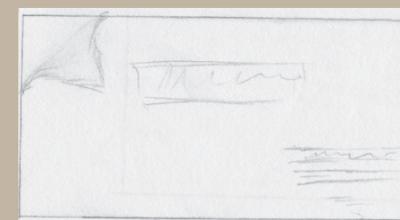
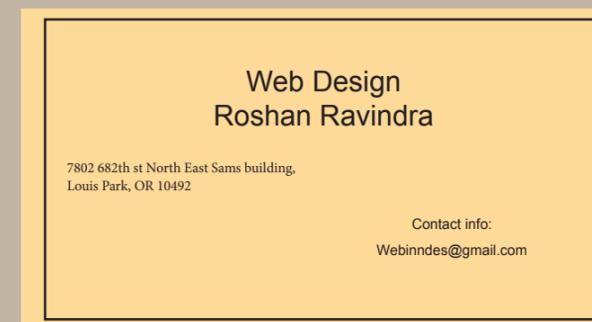
Me And My Self

What makes a person special? Or what stands out in that person and why? I can think of three words that stand out in me. Like perseverance, hard worker, and being consistent. To what extent can one be persistent? People sometimes see me as stubborn that I do not care about what they think or even get mad at me. Well that could be a downside on the onlooker's part. However, I am persistent because deep down I believe in my judgement and I know that my idea I am working on is going to work. For instant last quarter when I worked on a HAND project, my project lead wanted to dissolve the project because of some instances such as the code did not work, and one of the design was behind the schedule. This was the time had to I persuaded her to believe in the team because of that my team and I put in little effort and did some overtime to get that project to work. This was an undergraduate research. Guess what... we did it! We finished the project to a satisfactory level and presented the project at the University of Washington Symposium. Now my team and I have something to put on our resume and can be proud of our achievement.

The prominent thing about me is that I am a Hardworking person. Many a times I have been told to cool off and not to work hard. This I have considered sometimes but alas I go right back to being a hard working person. This could be because I love challenges, and that makes the work even more fruitful. I know going overboard will have its consequences and sometimes end up going through long talks with my mother. By the end of the conversation, I often hear "try not to over work yourself," sigh... that is what I get when I have to do all-nighters. That is partially true but then, there is always a but factor. By doing complicated things which are hard to achieve I gain not only an understanding of hat particular thing but also it is a cool learning process. Once

in my ninth grade I had to make some project and every one had made teams so I was left out (that was because I was sick and could not make it to the class the previous day). Since I was doing a solo project my teacher gave me the freedom to choose to do anything I liked. Of all the things I could choose I chose to make a monumental project. This required a lot of thought process, a good knowledge of what I wanted to build, and time I needed that I clearly lacked. So to make up for that I had to refer some books go online and get the overview side view and the schematics of the Indian parliament. Thank god for google and the internet. I got to learn the color, the types of bricks used and various things which I would not have learnt if I had not chosen that project. Then I started building the monument. This was the hardest and trickiest part as I had made plans to build it with thermocol, as they are brittle. I had to carefully place them so that they would not snap. But it was a successful end product which got me some praises from the principal of my school.

Consistency is a key factor to a person who starts anything such as sketching or swimming (if not consistent in that there is the risk of drowning) or things that I will leave it to your imagination. It could be just that I don't get bored of things I do because I love what I do. Such as gaming or build things that I can scavenge in my house, recently I built a cooling system for my laptop using boxes and a small table fan which I rarely use now. Now I am trying to build my own additional set of hard drive unit so that I can download the things, from my old computer. Consistency could be anything that one can find in oneself. I chose these words because they define who I am. This set defines me as an individual which others can identify me as who I am. I am a creator, a person with lot of ingenuity, and a person who is unique.



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MY PRESENT

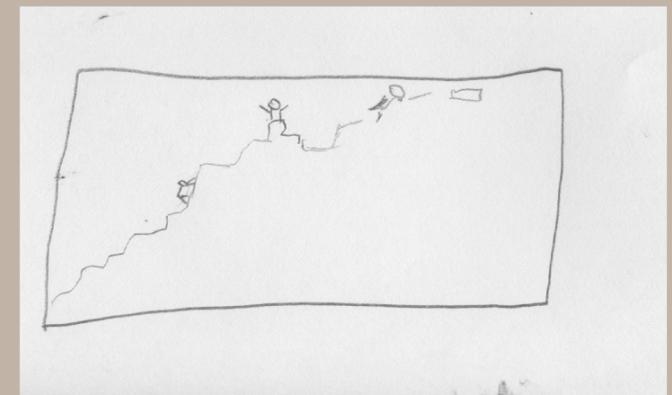
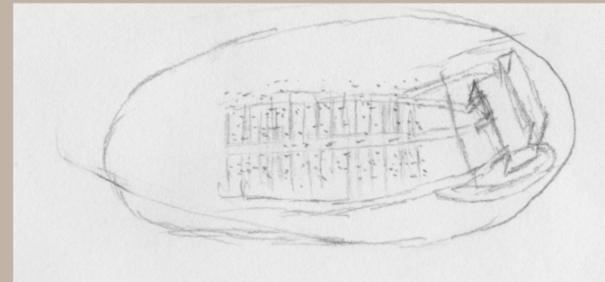
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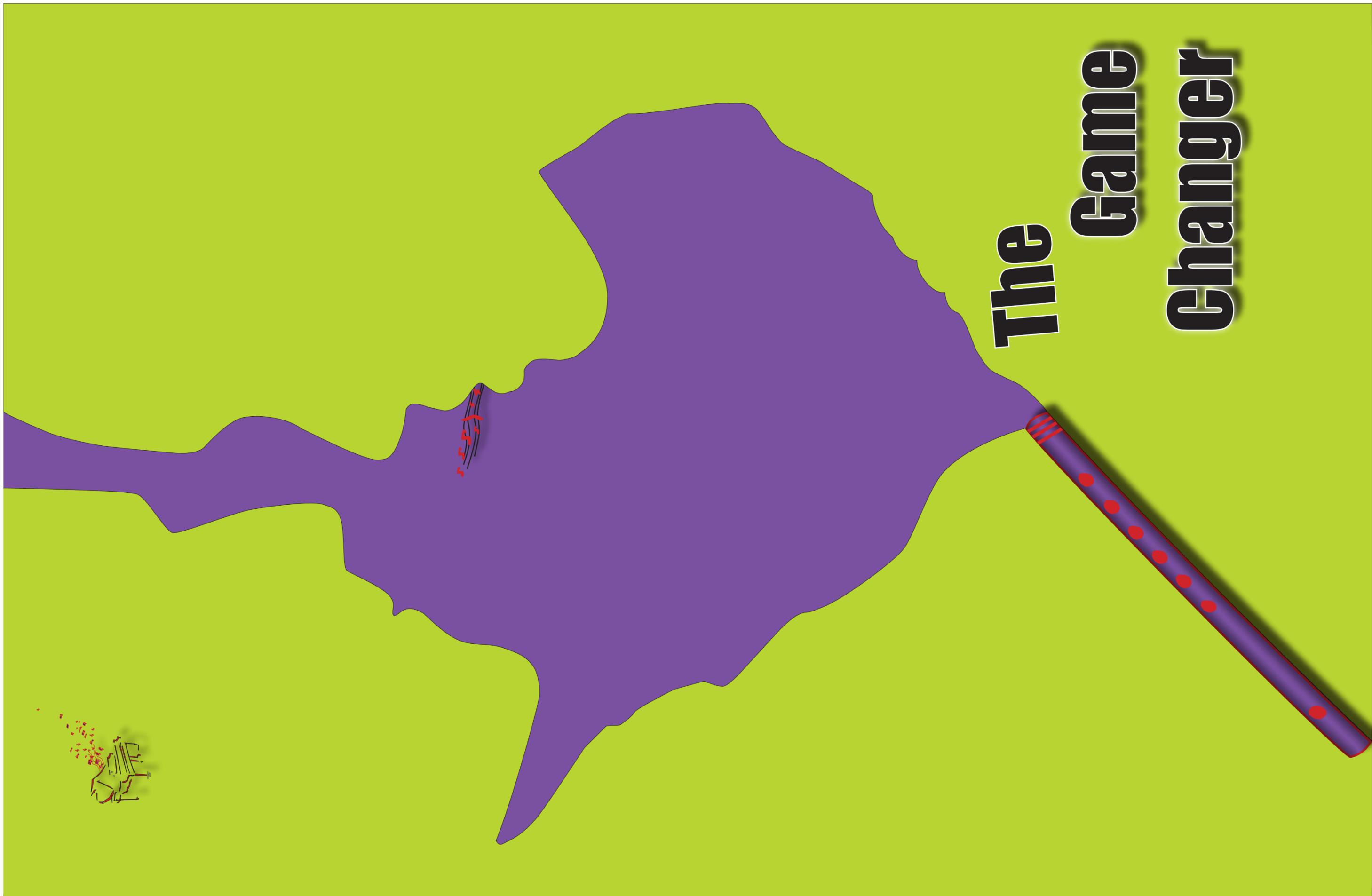


The Switch

To achieve something in life a person goes through different paths. Each path we seek may have different variations and the people who come along with you such as Family, Teachers or advisors, and most importantly my friends. I unconsciously chose somewhat of a difficult path. Well I believe that only hardship can bring out the best in a person. This is something to describe what I have become. Like the metal taken out from a mine. It is nice to see a beautiful sculpture or a rod that supports a big structure. For this to happen it must be heated, cooled, hammered, heated, cooled again, and hammered to achieve that shape. Before I came here I was soft, never could speak what was going on in mind because I could never stand up and say, "This is what I can do or want to do." I have come from a Family who shielded me from all the difficulties in life. Heck, I got the best things in life. I did not value anything, which had to be, but things change... A few years ago, I went through a series of failures because of my lack of value, health, and few more things. I had broken to pieces. I was leading a life, which I could not see where it lead. Talk about a looser huh? Nope not at all. Time passes fast so does ones perspective. In uncertain times, many including 'me' take senseless dictions. But not this time... my family and I decided me to come to the united states and study here but there were some hurdles which had to be jumped on. If not I would end up falling on rock solid ground. Ouch, that might have hurt. I joined a school to finish my 12th degree so that I could go to college. But, there was a catch I had only two months nine credits that's nine classes and a lot of assignments to complete. It was never easy in that particular time since I had to take five school classes and four online classes. I was new to the concept to the term online classes so staying on top of my deadlines was one big roller coaster ride. I was

equally lucky in all the ways because as life gave me opportunities I had my family and a lot of teachers support. I wiggled and wiggled to the graduation day where I finally received my degree. I felt the success not when I tossed my cap at the graduation. But, when my I spoke to my advisor "Thank you for all the things you did for me" was the words that came out of me as I was still trying to digest the fact. Then my advisor said "it was all you kiddo you earned it." I knew that this was just a step towards a bright future. After spending some time in Edmonds community college, to have a mentor and friends who I could actually think in the same terms is a jackpot. As I worked through my usual classes, I did not have much to do. This was a depressing thing because I like to be active as much as possible otherwise I do not feel the full extent of my existence. This could sound like exaggeration. Idle mind is a devils workshop so my mother tells me. That is true but since I had my friends, I never had that chance to be Idle. In a spring evening a friend of mine said let's do something cool. Classic statements have classic replies "what do you want to do?" this was a spark for an awesome project. We went through a lot of difficulties with finding the right people to work with, gaining the information that we needed to work on that project and finally giving and finding the time to do it. Given some time, manpower and their and my brainpower we came up with a concept which went to the symposium at a university. This was a challenging task as we have the reputation to be the only community college to showcase projects at the university. Nevertheless my Friends and I did it. We made a history at a university with the proof of the certificates an add on. If not for that one single switch I would have never made it to what I am. Rather If not for the people I met I would not realize what I am capable of.





The Game Changer



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Time as I can assess is an ongoing process it passes without any notice. Each passing second is very curtail. To know its importance one can ask the importance of one second to a sprint runner, a doctor, a mother whose baby is premature or overdue, or a student who failed his or her academic year. However, all we could do is stress about the situation. Humankind have made tremendous effort in reintroducing sound in a very rhythmic pattern and so is my life. Music is one of the most important and powerful things in life. Music is an everyday occurrence for most people. In some way, shape and form, people listen to music. For Christians, especially those at Bible College, this can be in chapel day to day. For others it may be in a car or even in the workplace. Without music, we would be lost. I feel that my life would be a lot quitter and I would lose my tempo. I started learning how to play the guitar last year and within the past few months I have fallen completely and utterly in love with it. Once I start playing, I find it extremely hard to put the guitar down again. It's very addictive and can also be distracting sometimes. It distracts me from my homework since my guitar sits right next to my desk.

This past summer my friend taught me how to play the piano. I had always heard stories about how her great grandfather, her mother, were brilliant at the

piano. they would sit at the piano for hours on end playing different well known songs as making up his own little tunes. He had taught my grandma how to play and I felt it was about time that I learnt. So when I was staying with my friend's during the summer, I asked her to teach me. She was delighted to and now it's something nice that we can both do together and bond over.

I believe music effects people in many different ways. To me music is more than just something to listen to or play, it's something to feel. Music is extremely important in my life. I think it brings me closer to my friends and family. I also feel that it helps me to get through things. For example, I remember doing the twenty six kilometre gaisce hike and the whole way along the hike we sang songs. Music is an immensely powerful thing and has a huge place in my life right next to my heart.



swiss design is a very intricate design I have come across. To start with i had never come across much of any art. I was never a fan a Arts but this class has brought me close to things which I have never noticed before. Every one is an artist but how he approaches it is another thing is what I have learnt in this class. The emphasis of Color and Typography has a huge impact. but I was on the receiving end. Now everything changes since I will be something of my own. For that I am thank to Minh Carrico for Imparting me this knowledge.